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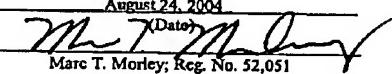
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION  
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Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P § 708.02.X, Applicants hereby petition to make special the above-identified application in order to advance its order of examination in the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants submit that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application contributes to the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of HIV/AIDS and cancer. In support, Applicants direct attention to the specification generally. In particular, see for example, paragraphs [0114] and [0120] - [0123] (discussing therapeutic vaccination to eradicate tumors and chronic infections), and Table 4 (listing various target antigens, including HIV antigens).

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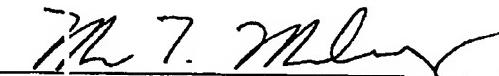
If there are any obstacles to a prompt approval of this petition, the Patent and Trademark Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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